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SUBJ: CDC LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR DISC DRIVES

REF: STATE 148969; BUCHAREST 3358

1. BASED UPON INSTRUCTCYNS PARA 3 STATE 148969, EMBASSY PREPARED A LIST OF SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WHICH IT FORWARDED JUNE 17 IN A LETTER TO US DESK OFFICER, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (MFT), WHO IS CHARGED WITH FOLLOWING UP THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY HIS TWO MINISTERS (BUCHAREST 3358) IN THIS CASE. AFTER CONSULTING WITH FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION ELECTRONUM AND PRESUMABLY OTHER AGENCIES, MFT REPLIED BY LETTER DATED JULY 6 TO COMMATT CLARKE, WHICH USDOC OFFICER BURGESS WILL CARRY TO WASHINGTON JULY 8. MFT ANSWERS FOLLOW.

2. CPU LOCATION AND INTERFACING. QUOTE THE DISC DRIVES ARE TO BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO THE BUCHAREST COMPUTERS FACTORY, WHERE THE FELIX 256 CENTRAL PROCESSING UNITS ARE PRESENTLY LOCATED AND WHERE THEY WILL BE INTERFACED WITH THE DISC DRIVES.
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END QUOTE. THIS ACCORDS WITH STATEMENTS BY CONTROL DATA

OFFICERS AND GOR OFFICIALS THAT THE 12 CPUS ARE BUILT, READY FOR INTERFACING, AND WAITING AT BUCHAREST FACTORY FOR ARRIVAL OF DISC DRIVES.

3. UNIVERSITY OF IASI. QUOTE THERE IS NO SPECIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IASI NOMINATED TO RECEIVE THE TWO DISC DRIVES AS THE COMPUTER IS UTILIZED BY THE UNIVERSITY AS A WHOLE FOR THE TRAINING OF STUDENTS. THE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT UNDERTAKE MILITARY STUDIES. END QUOTE. WE ASSUME FROM THIS THAT IT IS A COMPUTATION CENTER COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF US UNIVERSITIES.

4. TRUCK MANUFACTURING CENTRAL. QUOTE THE CENTRAL FOR AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY WILL USE THE TWO DISC DRIVES IT ORDERED IN THE PROCESSING CENTER FOR ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT, WITHOUT CARRYING OUT MILITARY FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH THE COMPUTER MIGHT BE USED. END QUOTE.

5. THE LETTER REPEATS AN OFFER MADE ORALLY TO THE AMBASSADOR AND SECRETARY SIMON BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PATAN, THAT GOR IS READY TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION TO SEE WHERE THE FELIX 256 CPUS WILL BE LOCATED (AND) HOW THE DISC DRIVES WILL BE USED.

6. AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES DOUBTLESS KNOW, EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT STAFF OR TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE USEFUL VISITS TO END USERS, AND WOULD THEREFORE WELCOME OEA VISIT, ESPECIALLY IF THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO USG EVALUATION OR SET A USEFUL PRECEDENT. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HEARD OF ALL THE END-USERS LISTED STATE 148969 EXPECT THE REGIONAL DATA CENTER IN BRAILA, WHICH WE PRESUME TO BE LIKE REGIONAL DATA CENTERS ESTABLISHED IN OTHER INDUSTRIAL CITIES TO SERVE A VARIETY OF ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES TOO SMALL TO OPERATE THEIR OWN COMPUTERS. STATED MULTIPLE USES BY DANUBIANA AND AUTOMOTIVE (TRUCK) CENTRAL CORRESPOND TO USES OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS WE HAVE SEEN IN OPERATION IN OTHER LARGE MANUFACTURING CENTERS (E.G. RESITA STEEL MILL AND ARAD RAILWAY CAR WORKS). MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION DATA CENTER ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE LOGICAL REQUIREMENT FOR STATED COMPUTER FUNCTIONS. SCIATT IS FAMILIAR WITH CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR INFORMATICS AND ITS SUBORDINATE INSTITUTE FOR COMPUTING TECHNIQUES, WHICH DESIGN COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR ROMANIA AS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. GIVEN HIGH LEVEL INTEREST, PLEASE KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN USG EVALUATION OF THIS CASE.
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